

Please type a plus (+) sign in this box → ☐

# DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION

☐ Declaration  
Submitted  
with Initial  
Filing

OR

☒ Declaration  
Submitted  
after Initial  
Filing

Attorney Docket Number 70513

First Named Inventor Max Allen Weaver

## COMPLETE IF KNOWN

Application Number 09/320,002

Filing Date 05/26/1999

Group Art Unit 1721

Examiner Name

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR PREPARING LIGHT-ABSORBING POLYMERIC COMPOSITIONS

(Title of Invention)

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto  
OR

☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)

05/26/1999

as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number 09/320,002 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 (a)-(d) or § 365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365 (a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached hereto:

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States Provisional Application(s) listed below.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached hereto.

Please type a plus (+) sign in this box →



## DECLARATION - Utility or Design Patent Application

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
60/031,478		11/27/1996	
08/976,206		11/21/1997	

☐ Additional U.S. or PCT international application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached hereto.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

Name	Registration Number	Name	Registration Number
Rose M. Allen	35,424	Karen A. Harding	33,967
Michael J. Blake	37,096	Matthew W. Smith	35,366
Betty J. Boshears	33,864	Cheryl J. Tubach	38,346
Bernard J. Graves, Jr.	33,239	Jonathan D. Wood	39,076
Harry J. Gwinnell	29,000		

☐ Additional registered practitioner(s) named on supplemental Registered Practitioner Information sheet attached hereto

Direct all correspondence to:

Name	Jonathan D. Wood						
Address	Eastman Chemical Company						
Address	P.O. Box 511						
City	Kingsport			State	Tennessee		ZIP 37662
Country	USA		Telephone	(423) 229-8862		Fax	(423) 229-1239

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name of Sole or First Inventor ☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

Given Name (first and middle (if any))	Family Name or Surname
Max Allen	Weaver

Inventor's Signature Max Allen Weaver Date 12/8/99

Residence: City	State	Country	Citizenship
Kingsport	TN	USA	USA

Post Office Address  
125 Hill Road

City	State	ZIP	Country
Kingsport	TN	37664	USA

☒ Additional inventors are being named on the 2 supplemental inventor(s) sheet(s) attached hereto.

09751766 122900

Please type a plus (+) sign in this box →

+

<b>DECLARATION</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)</b> Supplemental Sheet
--------------------	---

Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle [if any])		Family Name or Surname	
James John		Krutak, Sr.	
Inventor's Signature <u>James John Krutak, Sr.</u>		Date <u>3-15-2000</u>	
Residence: City <del>Kingsport</del> Stafford	State <del>TN</del> VA	Country USA	Citizenship USA
Post Office Address <del>P.O. Box 5025</del> 31 Washington & Lee Blvd.			
City <del>Kingsport</del> Stafford	State <del>TN</del> VA	ZIP <del>37663</del> 22554	Country USA
Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle [if any])		Family Name or Surname	
Brian Edison		Maxwell	
Inventor's Signature <u>Brian Edison Maxwell</u>		Date <u>12-14-99</u>	
Residence: City Westfield	State MA	Country USA	Citizenship USA
Post Office Address 156 Hillcrest Circle			
City Westfield	State MA	ZIP 01085	Country USA
Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle [if any])		Family Name or Surname	
Gerry Foust		Rhodes	
Inventor's Signature <u>Gerry Foust Rhodes</u>		Date <u>12-8-99</u>	
Residence: City Piney Flats	State TN	Country USA	Citizenship USA
Post Office Address 216 Allison Court			
City Piney Flats	State TN	ZIP 37686	Country USA

09751766-122900

Please type a plus (+) sign in this box →

+

DECLARATION		ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S) Supplemental Sheet	
Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle [if any])		Family Name or Surname	
Samuel David		Hilbert	
Inventor's Signature <u>Samuel David Hilbert</u>		Date <u>December 9, 1999</u>	
Residence: City Jonesborough	State TN	Country USA	Citizenship USA
Post Office Address 210 Mulberry Lane			
City Jonesborough	State TN	ZIP 37659	Country USA
Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle [if any])		Family Name or Surname	
Jean Carroll		Fleischer	
Inventor's Signature <u>Jean Carroll Fleischer</u>		Date <u>DECEMBER 9, 1999</u>	
Residence: City Kingsport	State TN	Country USA	Citizenship USA
Post Office Address 4422 Rustic Way			
City Kingsport	State TN	ZIP 37664	Country USA
Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle [if any])		Family Name or Surname	
William Whitfield		Parham	
Inventor's Signature <u>William Whitfield Parham</u>		Date <u>2 Mar 2000</u>	
Residence: City Johnson City	State TN	Country USA	Citizenship USA
Post Office Address 1807 Waters Edge Drive			
City Johnson City	State TN	ZIP 37604	Country USA